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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
JUERGEN SCHROEDER, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/EP03/02186)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: CLEANING OF TRAY COLUMNS :
WHICH HAVE BEEN USED FOR
RECTIFICATIVELY TREATING
LIQUIDS COMPRISING
(METH)ACRYLIC ACID AND/OR
ESTERS THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.